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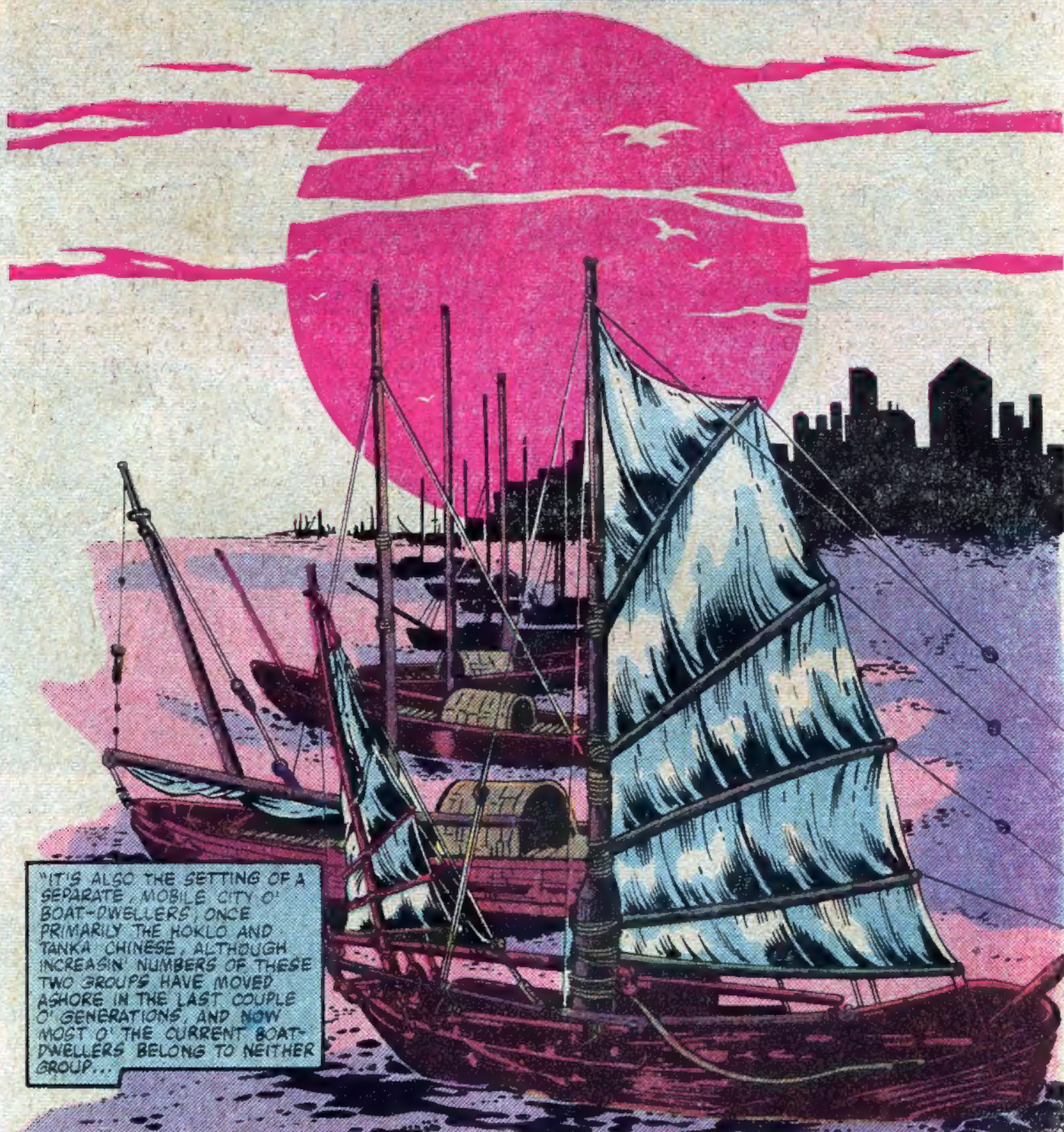
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"HONG KONG,
NEAR SUNSET..."

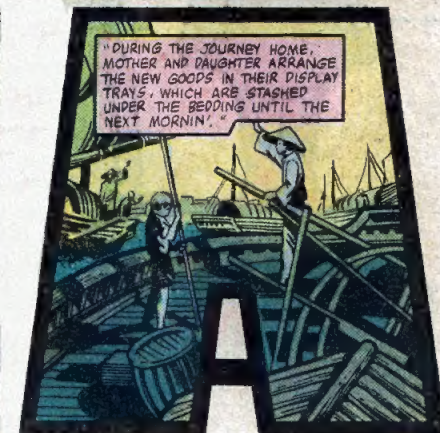
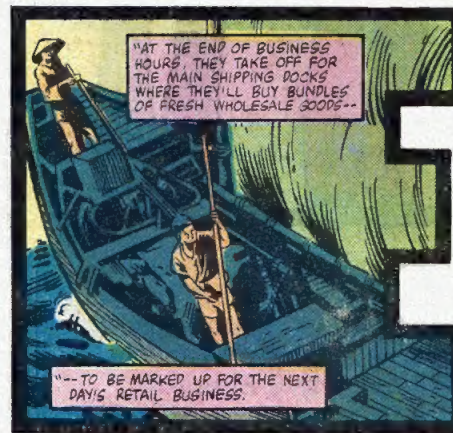
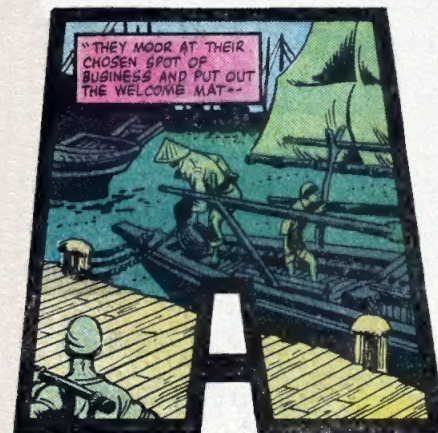
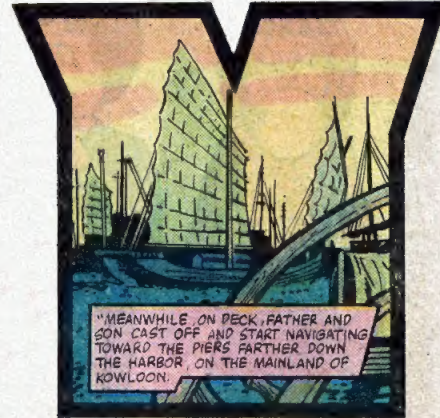
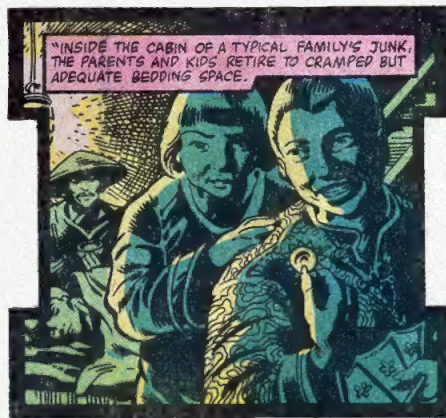
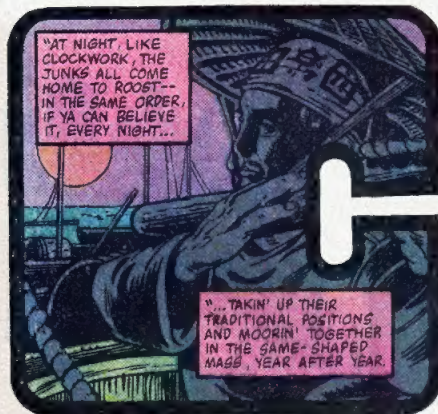
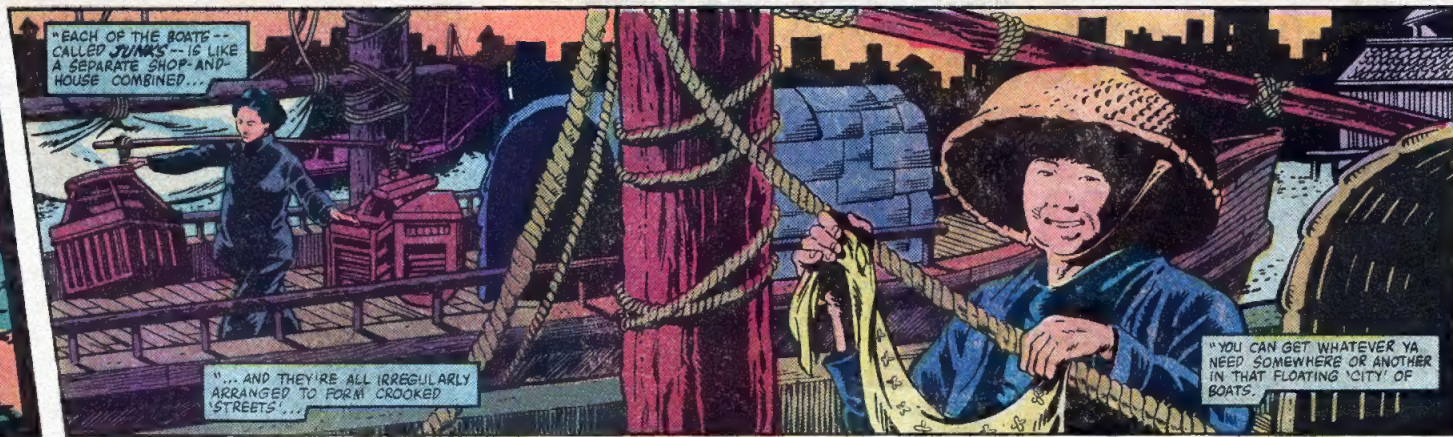
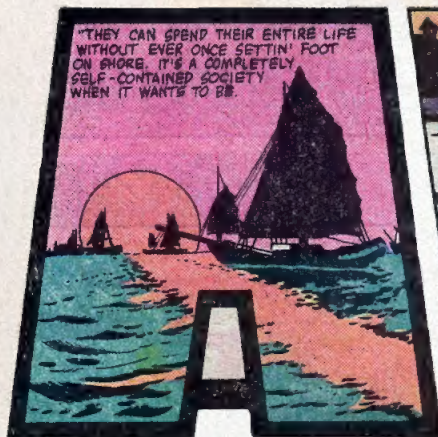
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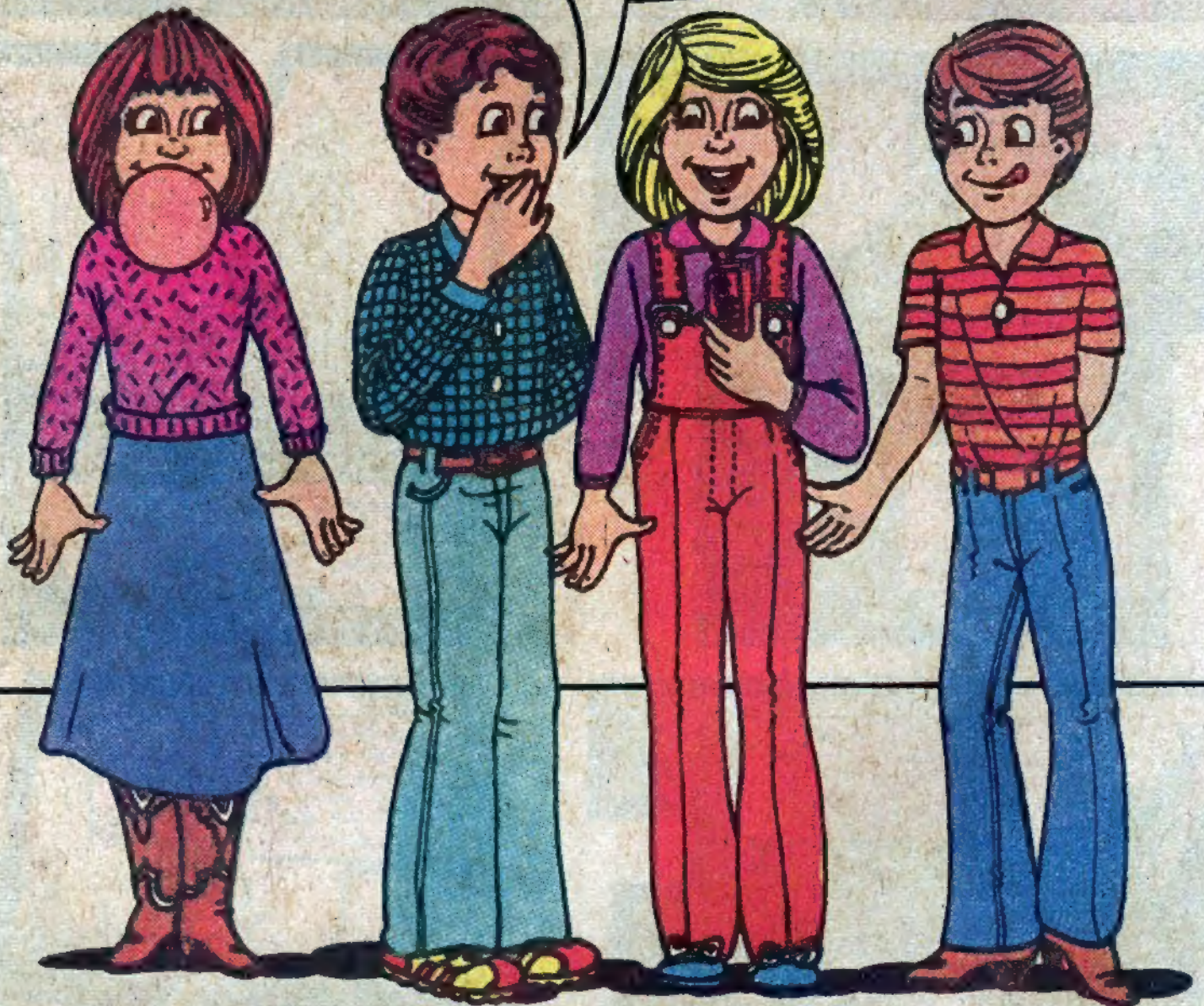
"IT'S ALSO THE SETTING OF A SEPARATE, MOBILE CITY O' BOAT-DWELLERS, ONCE PRIMARILY THE HOKLO AND TANKA CHINESE, ALTHOUGH INCREASIN' NUMBERS OF THESE TWO GROUPS HAVE MOVED ASHORE IN THE LAST COUPLE O' GENERATIONS, AND NOW MOST O' THE CURRENT BOAT-DWELLERS BELONG TO NEITHER GROUP..."

DOUG MOENCH / GENE DAY / JIM NOVAK / BOB SHAREN / JIM SALICRUP / JIM SHOOTER
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"THE TWILIGHT DEEPENS NOW,
AS BLACK JACK TARR ENDS
HIS LECTURE..."

THEY'RE HAPPY ENOUGH LIKE
THAT, BUT IT'S A POOR LIFE--SO
YA CAN SEE WHY THEY MIGHT BE
WILLIN' TO CLOSE THEIR EYES
TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF A
STRAIGHT CASH DEAL...

... AN' IT LOOKS
LIKE THAT'S JUST
WHAT THEY'VE BLOODY
WELL DONE...

... CUZ NOT ONE O'
THOSE JUNKS OUT
THERE HAS SO MUCH
AS **BUDGED**
DURIN' THE LAST
TWO DAYS--

--COMPLETELY
BYPASSIN'
THEIR NORMAL
ROUTINES.

AN' UNDER NORMAL CIRCUM-
STANCES, CHINAMAN, NOT A
SINGLE ONE O' THOSE
FAMILIES COULD AFFORD
TO LOSE EVEN **ONE**
DAY'S TRADE.

"MY COMPANION SIGHS
HEAVILY, AS IF--EVEN
AFTER SO MANY YEARS
OF DEALING WITH THE
WAYS OF THE WORLD--

"--HE STILL RETAINS
A CAPACITY FOR
DISILLUSIONMENT.

IN FACT, MI-6'S HONG KONG
BRANCH IS PRETTY SURE THE
FAMILIES HAVE MOVED **ASHORE**,
TURNIN' THEIR JUNKS OVER
TO AN UNKNOWN PARTY
OR PARTIES...

--SO THERE'S NO TELLIN' WHO--
OR WHAT-- IS NOW LURKIN' ON
THOSE BLOODY SILENT BOATS.



BUT WHAT THE HEY--
LIFE'S TOUGH ALL OVER,
AN' AIN'T IT THE
TRUTH!

COME ON,
CHINAMAN--
IT'S ALMOST
DARK...



TIME TO MAKE OUR MOVE...
AN' DO ME A FAVOR, WILL YA?
WHEN WE FIND WU, GO EASY
ON HER. REMEMBER WHAT
I SAID ABOUT HER HAVIN'
A RIGHT TO HER OWN
LIFE...

"I SAY NOTHING, FEELING NO NEED..."



"...EVEN THOUGH TARR
WRONGLY READS MY MOOD AND
INTENTIONS, NOT FULLY
PERCEIVING THE RECENT
CHANGE I HAVE UNDERGONE.

"I DO NOT SEEK TO PUNISH LEIKO,
BUT MERELY TO *FIND* HER..."



"... TO FIND THE WOMAN WHOSE LOVE AND
STRENGTH AND COMMITMENT AND CARING
PERMITTED ME TO CHANGE..."

"... PERMITTED ME TO REGAIN
MY SENSE OF SERENITY, MY
'LOST ART' OF LIVING LIFE
ARTFULLY, WITH FULLNESS
AND GRACE.

"I TRULY BELIEVED I *HAVE* REGAINED
THAT LOST ART, AT LEAST IN PART..."



"BUT TWO DAYS PAST, WHEN I WENT
TO THE LONDON HOSPITAL WHERE
SHE HAD STAYED FOR SIX WEEKS--

"-- I LEARNED
THAT I MAY HAVE
REGAINED THAT
LOST ART ONLY
TO LOSE LEIKO
HERSELF..."



LEIKO WU...?

YES, MY NAME IS SHANG-CHI-- I WAS TO MEET HER HERE. SHE IS BEING DISCHARGED TODAY.

YES... BUT ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS--



--MISS WU ALREADY CHECKED OUT, AT NINE THIS MORNING.

"SHE *KNEW* I WAS TO MEET HER IN THE *AFTERNOON*..."

"IT MADE NO SENSE."

"I WENT TO HER FLAT IN SOHO."



"INSIDE, I FOUND MARY--LEIKO'S FRIEND FROM UPSTAIRS..."

HELLO, SHANG. LEIKO LEFT ABOUT TEN THIS MORNING...

SHE ASKED ME TO TAKE CARE OF THE CAT FOR A FEW DAYS.



SAID SHE WAS GOING TO SEE BLACK JACK TARR IN HIS ROOM AT THE SAVOY.

I... SEE.



"IT WAS SWIFT."



WHAT THE --? I'VE NEVER SEEN THE CAT STRIKE OUT AT YOU BEFORE...!



HE NEVER HAS...

UNTIL NOW.

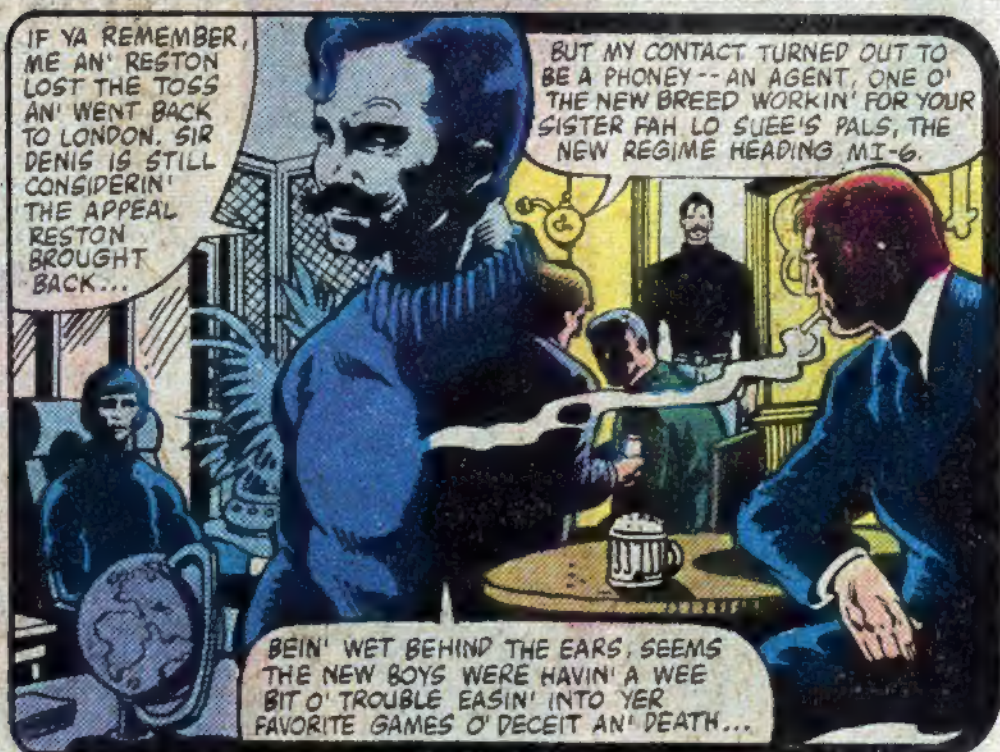


"IT HAD OCCURRED MONTHS EARLIER; I REMEMBERED IT WELL...."

TWO OF US HAVE GOTTA GO TO LONDON TO INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS INQUIRING ABOUT OUR SERVICES.



TELL YA WHAT-- ME AN' RESTON'LL FLIP YA FOR IT.



"SO THEY DECIDED TO APPEAL TO US OLD WARHORSES FOR SOME HELP IN THE SAME OLD STORY..."

-- CAUGHT A CHINESE AGENT AT THE AIRPORT AND FORCED HIM TO TALK. THERE'S SOMETHING BIG BREWING IN HONG KONG, TARR...

THE AGENT IS SUPPOSED TO MEET HIS CONTACT IN THE HARBOR FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

MI-6 WANTED ONE OF US-- NAMELY YOU, CHINA-MAN-- TO TAKE THE CAPTURED AGENT'S PLACE. I TOLD HIM NO THANKS, BUT IF SIR DENIS OVER- RULED ME, WE'D GET IN TOUCH.

AND HOW DOES LEIKO FIT INTO THIS, TARR?

SHE CAME HERE ABOUT NOON --SAID SHE WAS FEELING FINE NOW, PHYSICALLY...

... BUT SHE WAS DEPRESSED EMOTIONALLY.

-- NEED TO DO SOMETHING AGAIN, BLACK JACK, RECAPTURE WHAT I ONCE WAS, TAKE MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS...

I TRIED TO DO IT WITH THE RIPPER CASE, BUT FAILED--

-- ONLY GOT MYSELF LAID UP IN THE HOSPITAL FOR SIX WEEKS, AND NOW I NEED TO PROVE MYSELF MORE THAN EVER...

ISN'T THERE SOME KIND OF SOLO MISSION I CAN TAKE ON-- ? PLEASE, BLACK JACK, I NEED HELP--

--SO I CAN GET AWAY FROM NEEDING HELP IN THE FUTURE.

WELL...

"I TOLD HER WE HAD NOTHIN' COOKIN'..."

"THE ONLY POSSIBLE THING WAS THIS MI-6 CAPER WITH THE CAPTURED CHINESE AGENT..."

DOES THE DOUBLE TAKING HIS PLACE HAVE TO BE MALE?

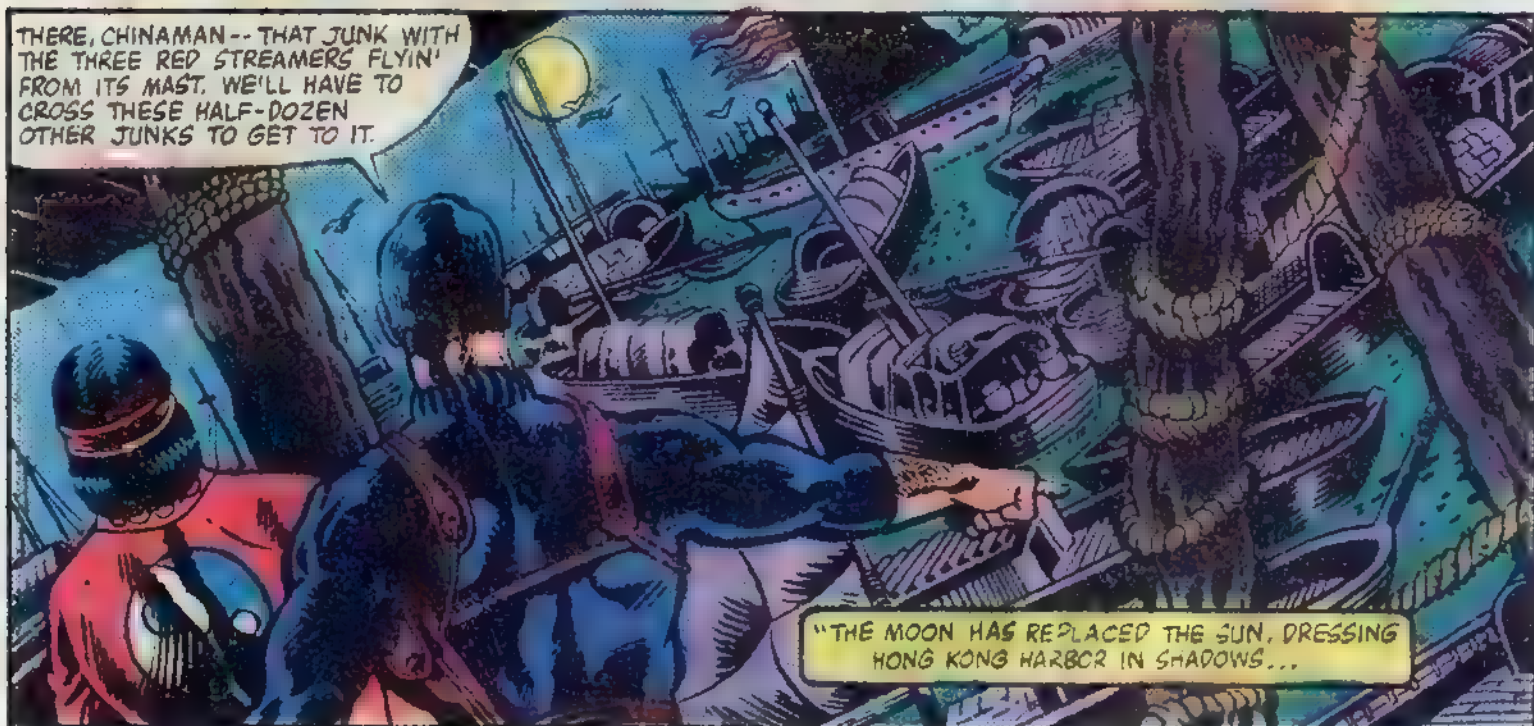
NOW WAIT A MINUTE, WU, IF YOU'RE THINKIN' OF--

MUST THE DOUBLE BE MALE--?

WELL... I GUESS NOT... I MEAN, THE AGENT'S NEVER MET HIS CONTACT BEFORE...

THERE'S JUST A TIME, PLACE, AND CODE- WORDS...

WHAT ARE THEY?



"THE DARKNESS SERVES US WELL FOR A TIME."



"THERE IS NOTHING BUT THE CREAK AND GROAN OF TIMBER RIDING THE HARBOR SWELLS..."

"BUT AS WE MOVE ONTO THE FIFTH BOAT--"



"HAA!! INTRUDERS! INTRUD--"



GOTTA TAKE HIM OUT FAST AN' QUIET, CHINA-MAN!

DON'T WANNA RISK THE SOUND OF GUNSHOTS!

"NOR WOULD I WANT TARR TO INFLICT THE EFFECT OF GUNSHOTS..."



"BUT IT IS ALREADY TOO LATE FOR SILENCE."



"THE MAN'S SHOUTED ALARM HAS ALREADY BROUGHT OTHERS SWARMING..."

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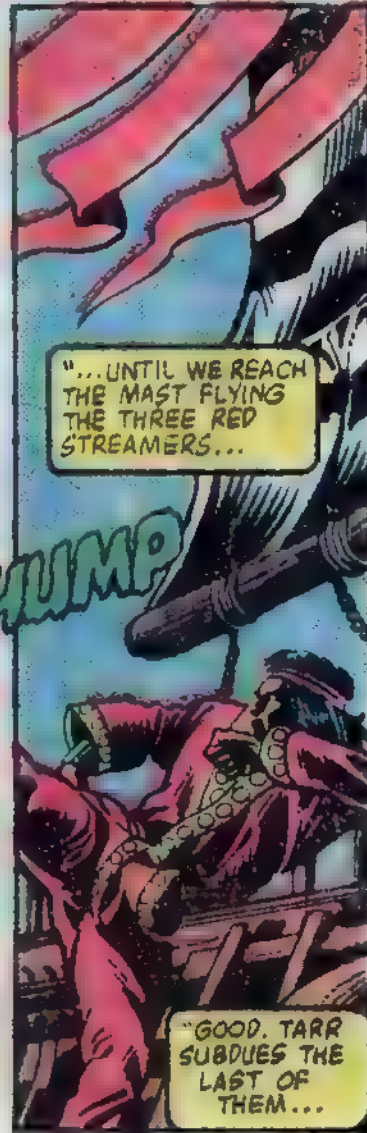


"AND SO WE MUST NOW FIGHT OUR WAY ACROSS THE DECKS..."



"...MOVING FROM ONE JUNK TO ANOTHER..."

CHUMP



"...UNTIL WE REACH THE MAST FLYING THE THREE RED STREAMERS..."

"GOOD. TARR SUBDUES THE LAST OF THEM..."



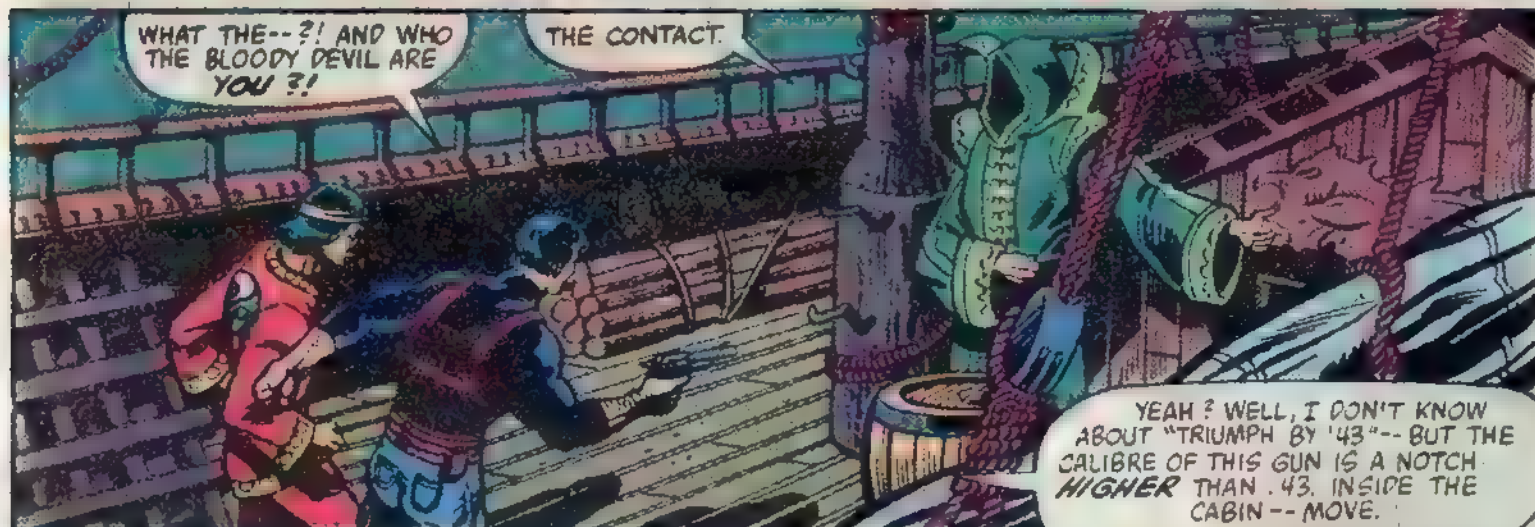
"IT IS OVER, THE SHADOWS SURRENDER NO MORE NAKED VIOLENCE..."



STILL DON'T WANNA FIRE IT, BUT I GOTTA USE THE GUN NOW-- TO COVER THESE THUGS IN CASE THEY REVIVE...



THAT'S ENOUGH. IT'S OVER



WHAT THE--?! AND WHO THE BLOODY DEVIL ARE YOU?!

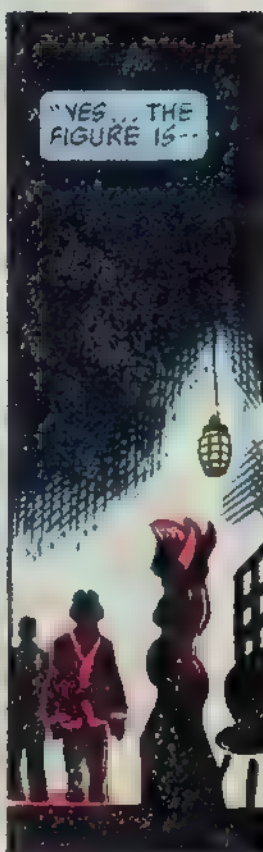
THE CONTACT.

YEAH? WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT "TRIUMPH BY '43"-- BUT THE CALIBRE OF THIS GUN IS A NOTCH HIGHER THAN .43. INSIDE THE CABIN-- MOVE.



"THE FIGURE DESCENDS TILTING STAIRS..."

"...AND THERE IS A VOICE IN THE SWAY AND SUPPLENESS OF ROBED MOVEMENT SPEAKING THE WORD WOMAN.



"YES... THE FIGURE IS--"



JULIETTE--!

HELLO, SHANG-CHI.

"SEEKING THE WOMAN I LOVE AND DO NOT WISH TO LOSE--"



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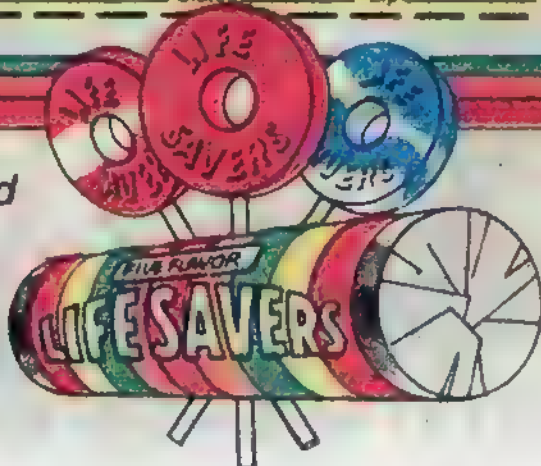
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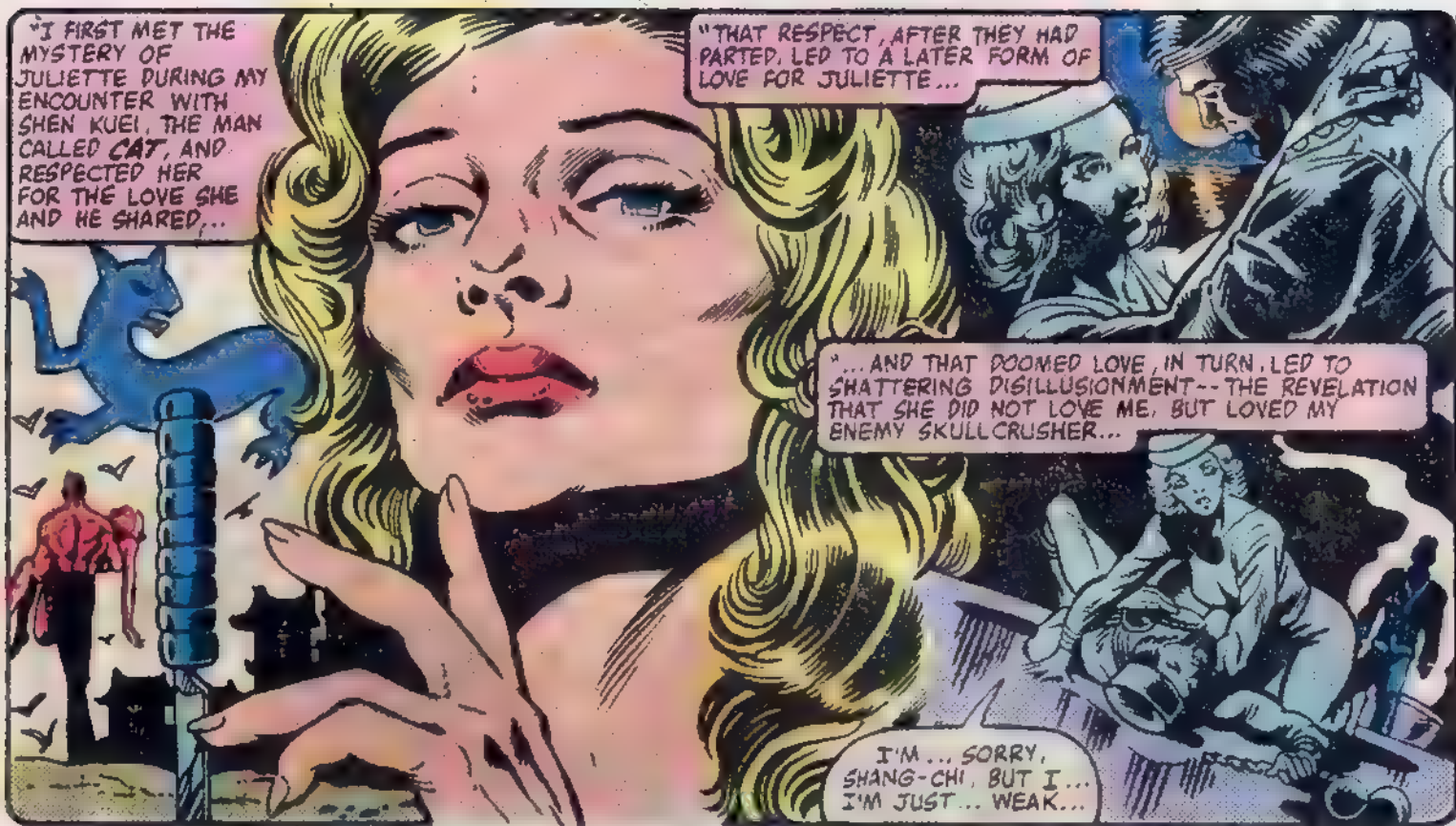
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"THAT RESPECT, AFTER THEY HAD PARTED, LED TO A LATER FORM OF LOVE FOR JULIETTE...

"...AND THAT DOOMED LOVE, IN TURN, LED TO SHATTERING DISILLUSIONMENT-- THE REVELATION THAT SHE DID NOT LOVE ME, BUT LOVED MY ENEMY SKULLCRUSHER...

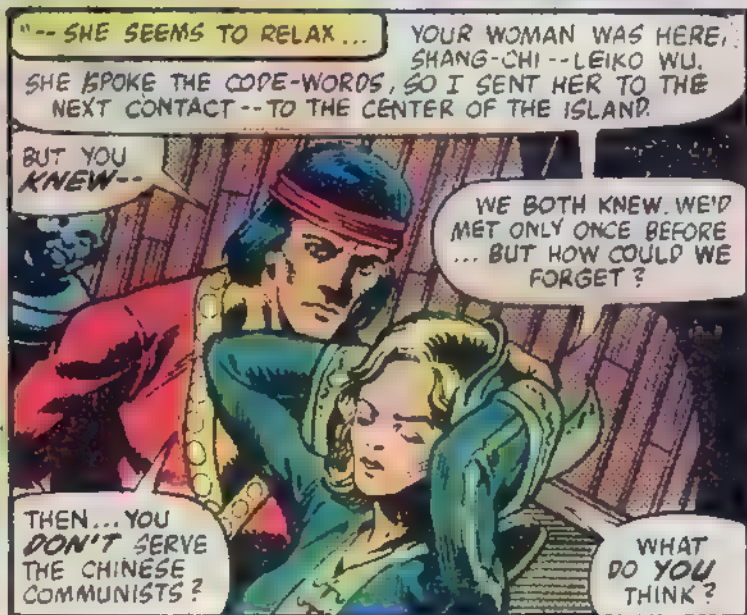
I'M ... SORRY, SHANG-CHI, BUT I ... I'M JUST ... WEAK...



"AND NOW...

UH... I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE, CHINAMAN -- WAIT OUTSIDE AND GUARD THE THUGS.

"AS TARR EXITS--



"-- SHE SEEMS TO RELAX ...

YOUR WOMAN WAS HERE, SHANG-CHI -- LEIKO WU. SHE BROKE THE CODE-WORDS, SO I SENT HER TO THE NEXT CONTACT -- TO THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND.

BUT YOU KNEW--

WE BOTH KNEW. WE'D MET ONLY ONCE BEFORE ... BUT HOW COULD WE FORGET?

THEN... YOU DON'T SERVE THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



I THINK... YOU COULD NEVER CHOOSE BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST. I THINK YOU COULD SERVE NO COUNTRY... ONLY A MAN, ONLY YOUR HEART...

...AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR SEARCH FOR... BEWITCHED NIGHTS.



THEN YOUR WISDOM HAS GROWN.



AND THE MAN? SKULLCRUSHER--?



NO. I TOLD YOU... I WAS WEAK THEN. THE NIGHTS ARE STILL SELDOM FILLED WITH THE OLD MAGIC, SHANG-CHI, BUT I HAVE REGAINED SOME OF MY STRENGTH.



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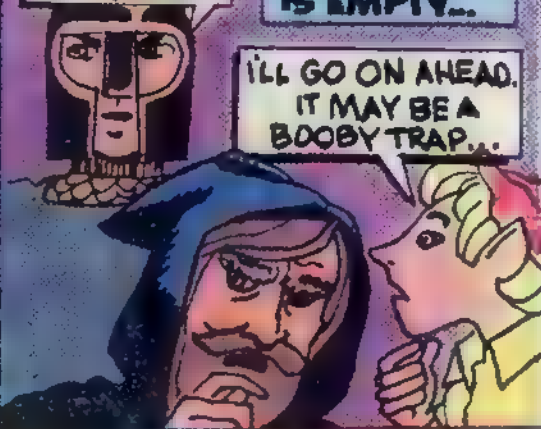


INDEL USES INFRA-VISION TO PEEK DOWN THE SECRET PASSAGE WAY.

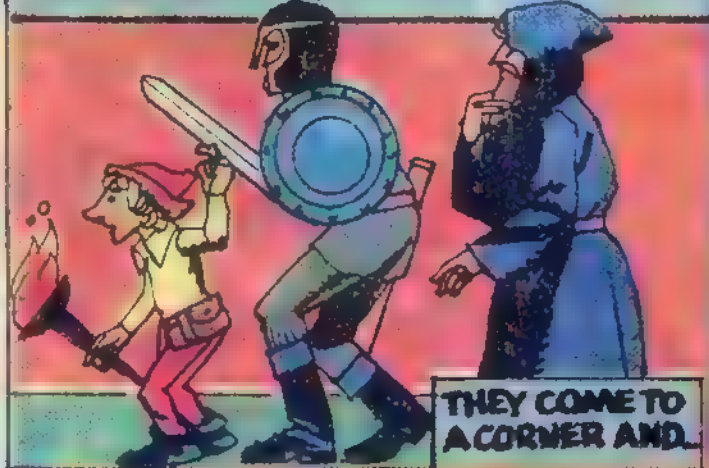
SEE ANYTHING?

THE PASSAGE IS EMPTY...

I'LL GO ON AHEAD. IT MAY BE A BOOBY TRAP...



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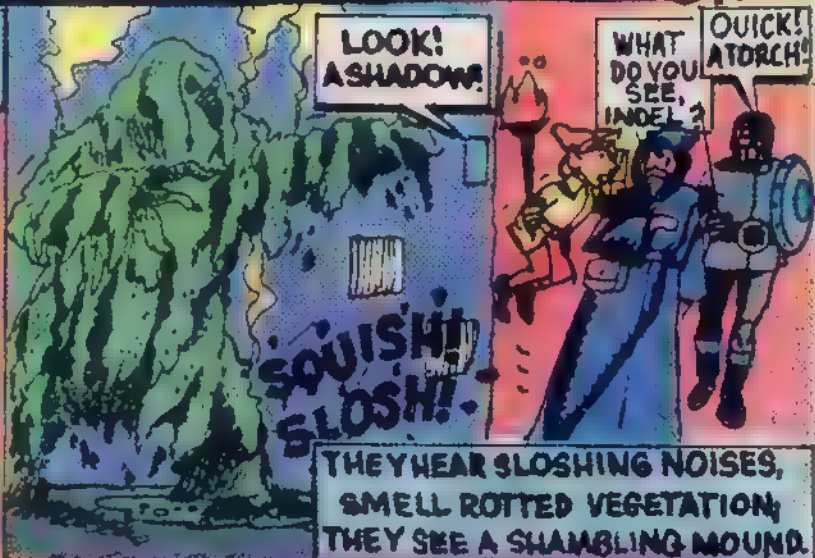


THEY COME TO A CORNER AND...

LOOK! A SHADOW!

WHAT DO YOU SEE, INDEL?

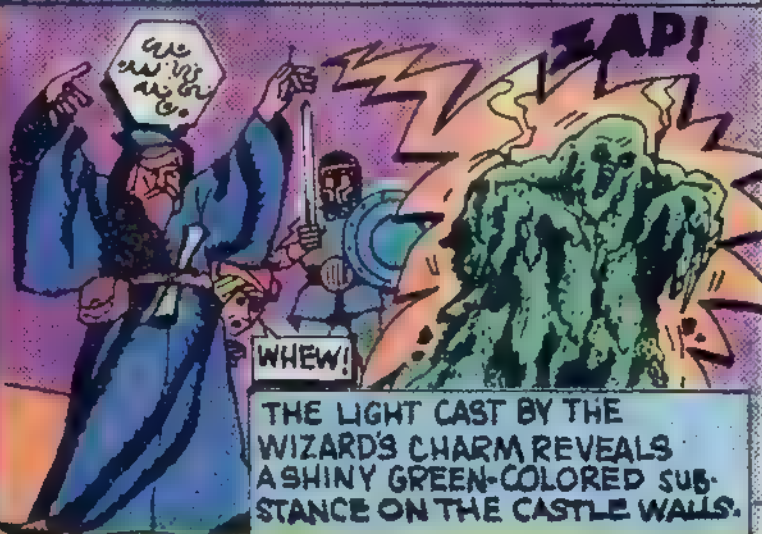
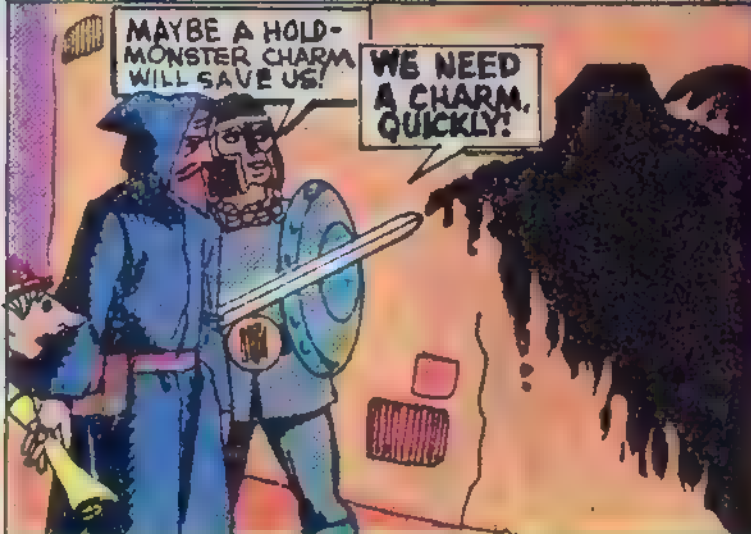
QUICK! A TORCH!



THEY HEAR SLOSHING NOISES, SMELL ROTTED VEGETATION, THEY SEE A SHAMBLING MOUND.

MAYBE A HOLD-MONSTER CHARM WILL SAVE US!

WE NEED A CHARM, QUICKLY!

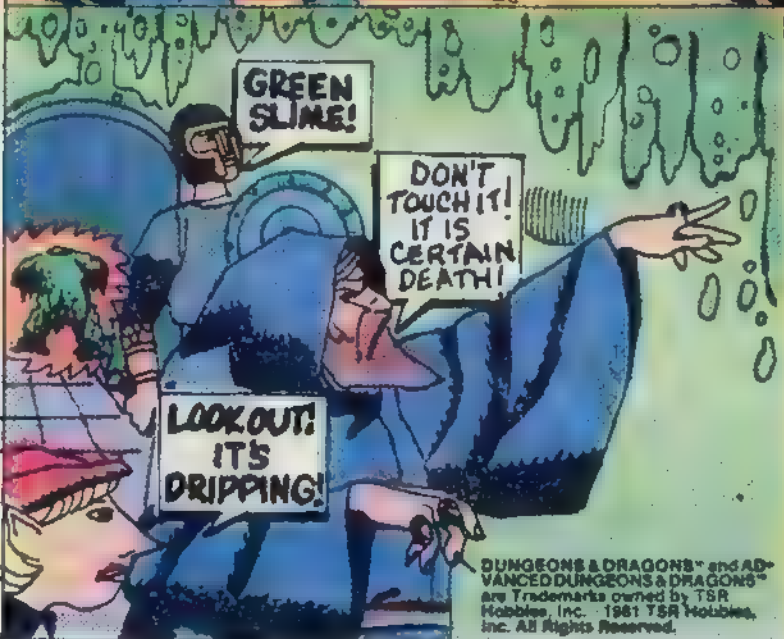


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GREEN SLIME!

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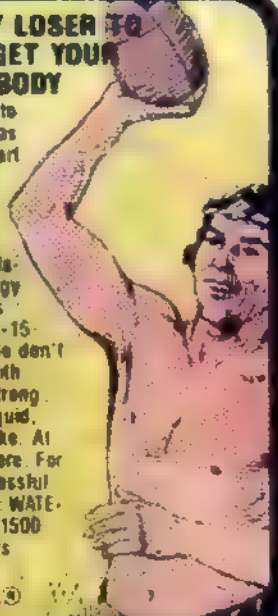
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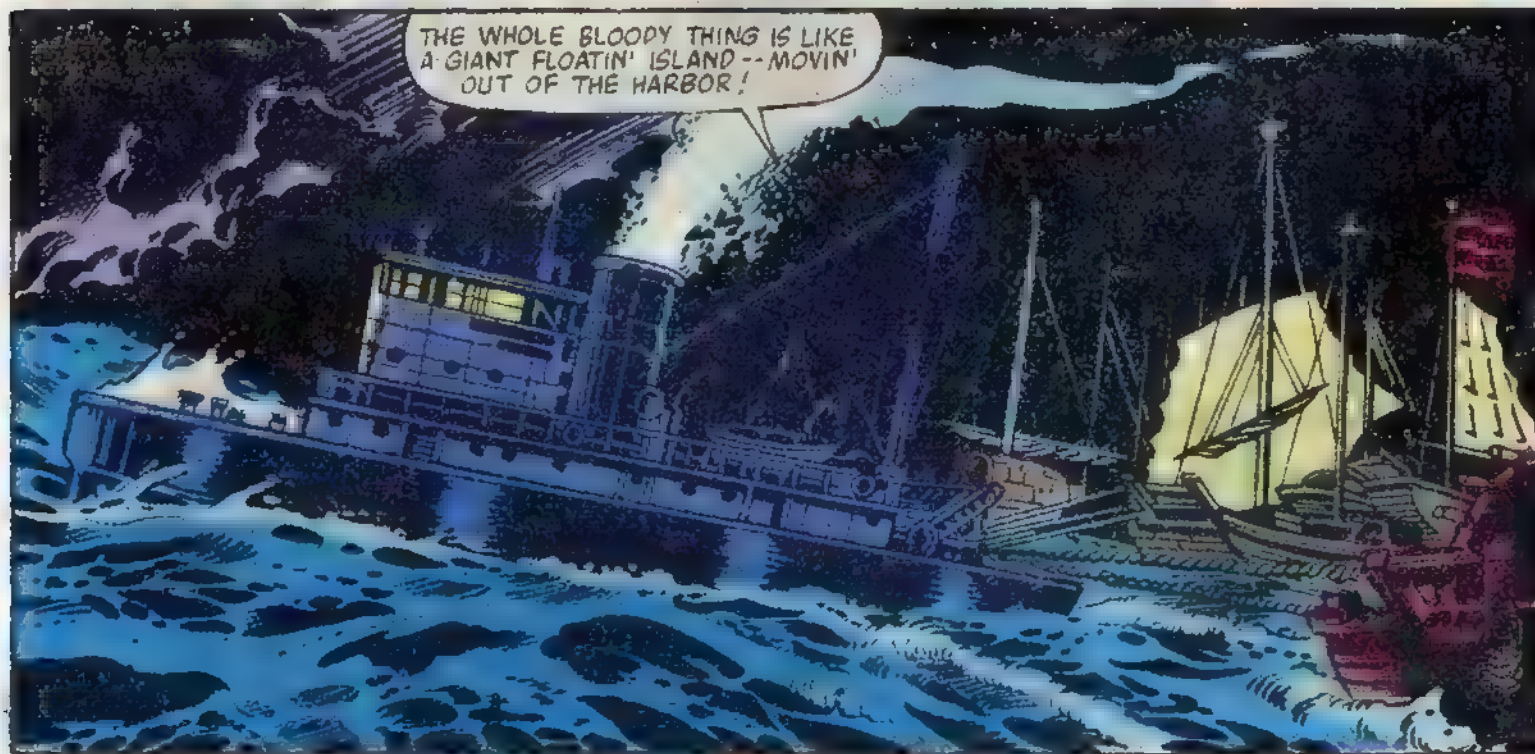
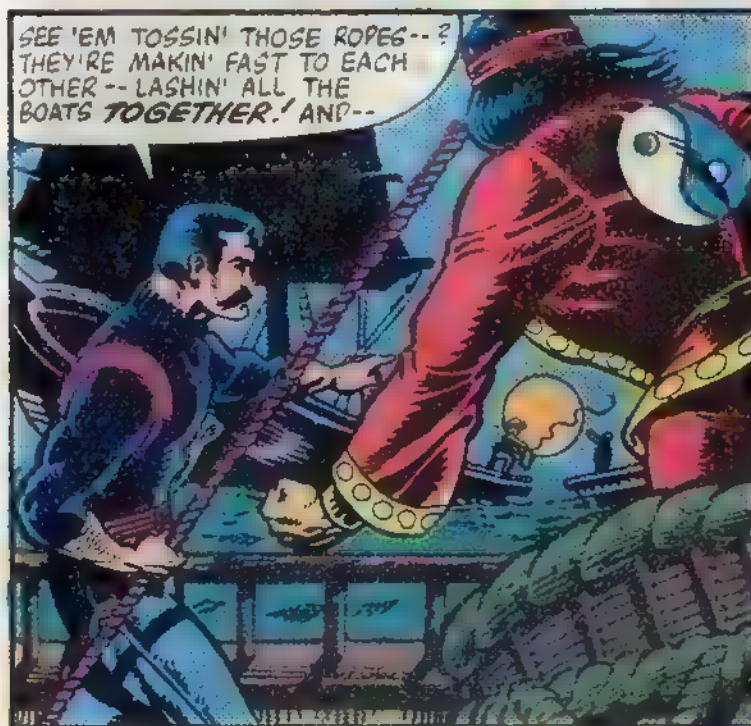
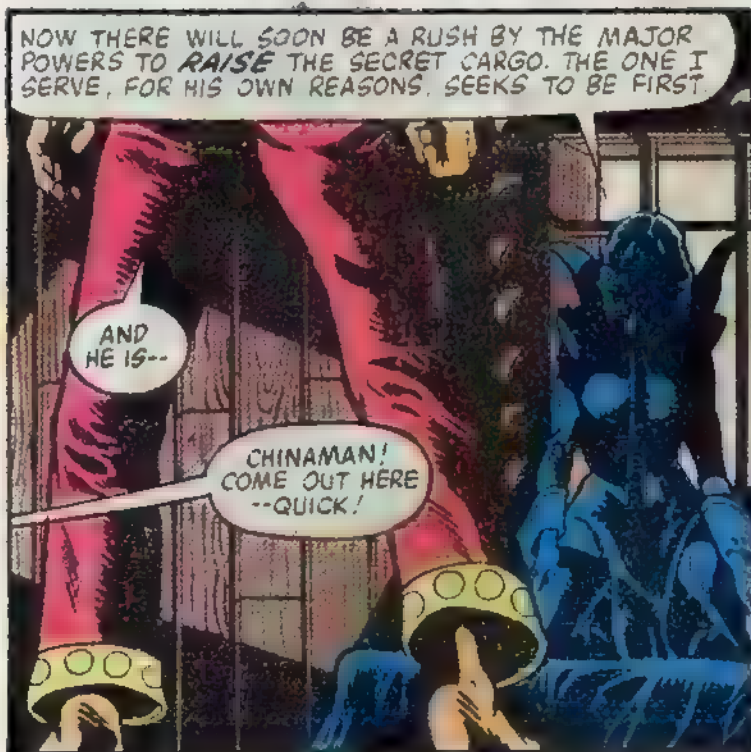
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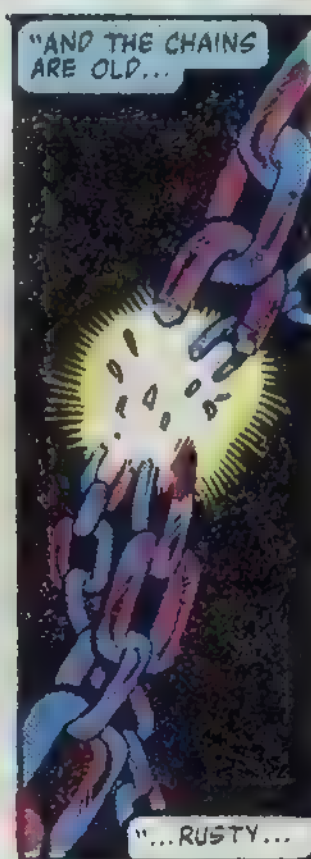
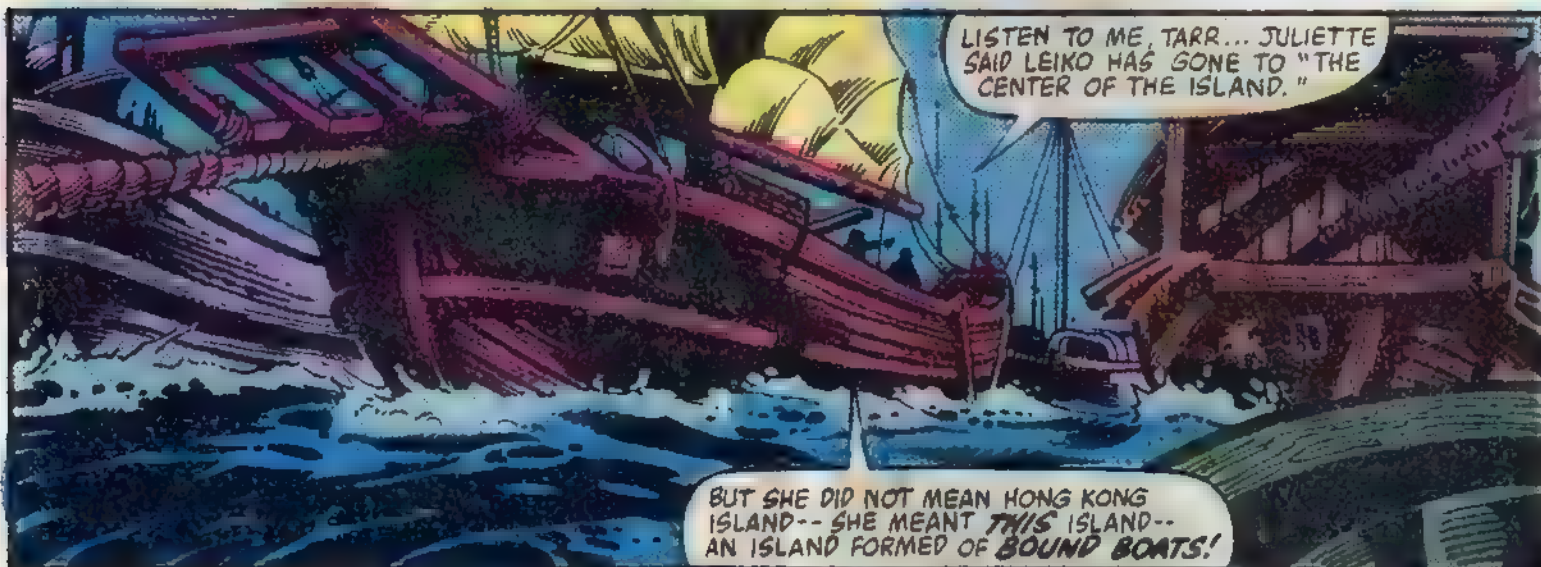
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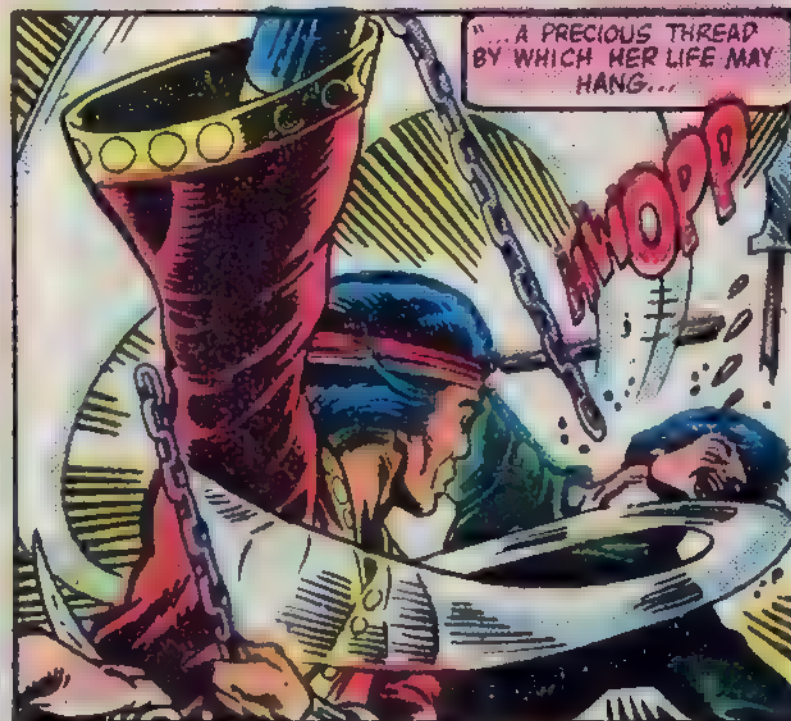
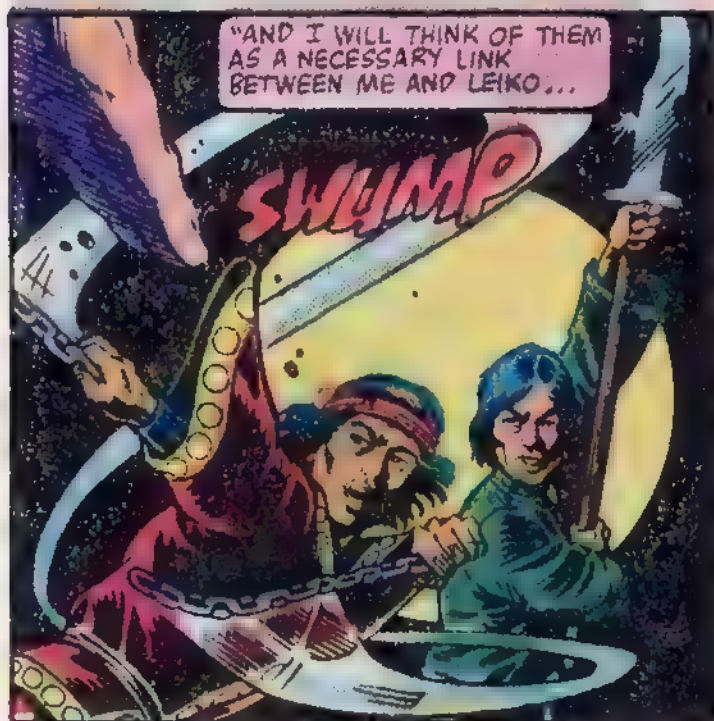
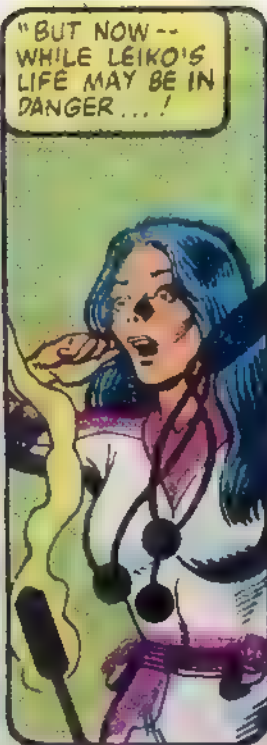
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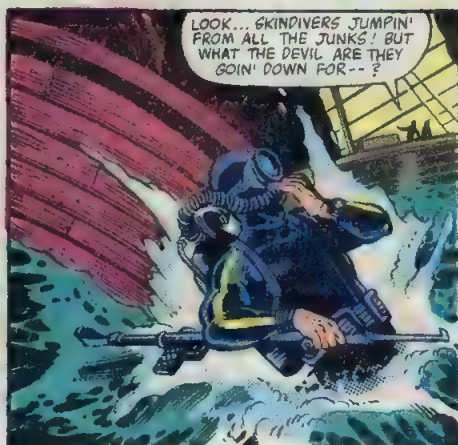
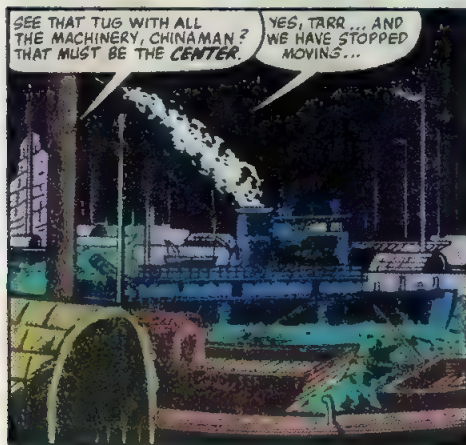
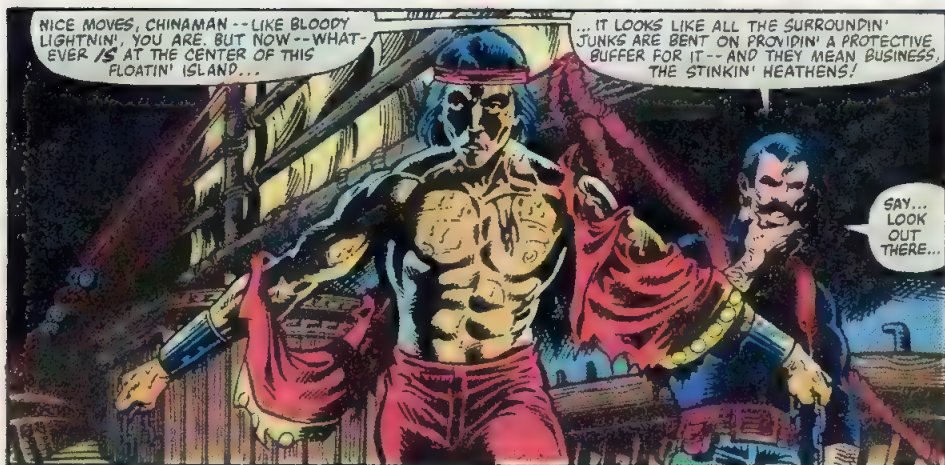
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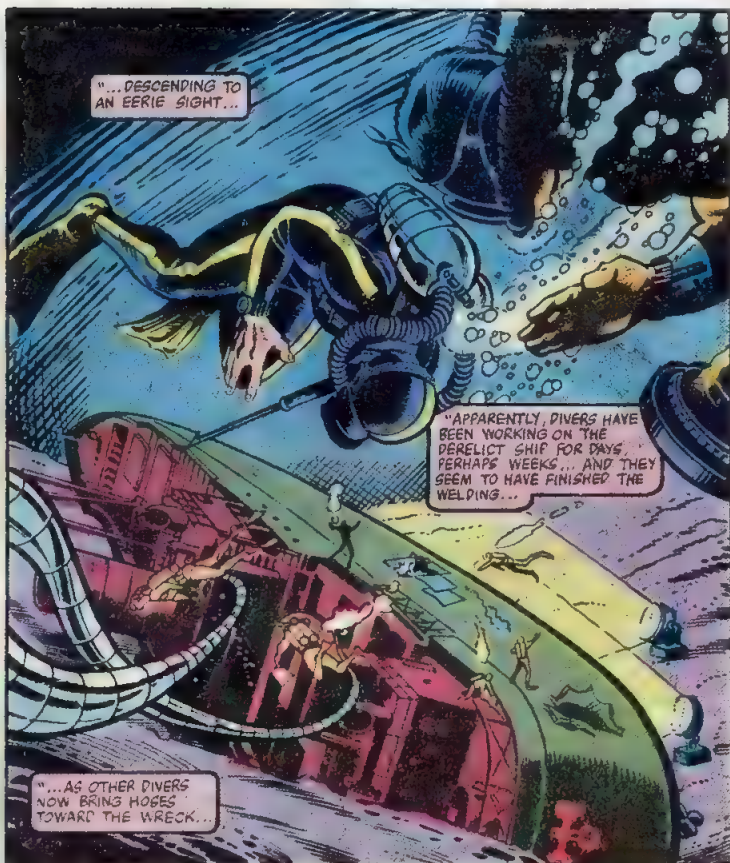








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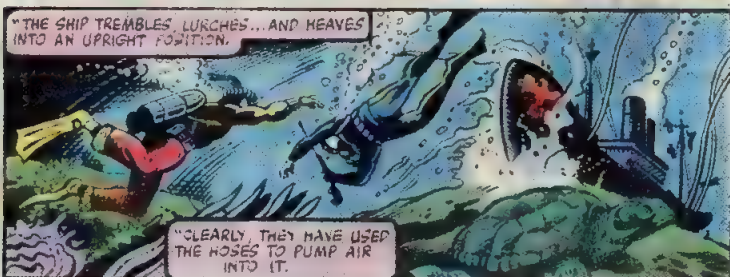
"...DESCENDING TO AN EERIE SIGHT..."

"APPARENTLY, DIVERS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE DERELICT SHIP FOR DAYS, PERHAPS WEEKS... AND THEY SEEM TO HAVE FINISHED THE WELDING..."

"...AS OTHER DIVERS NOW BRING HOSES TOWARD THE WRECK..."

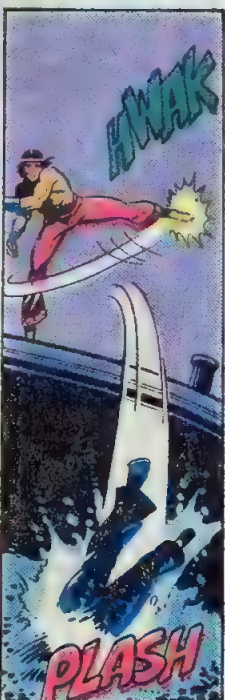
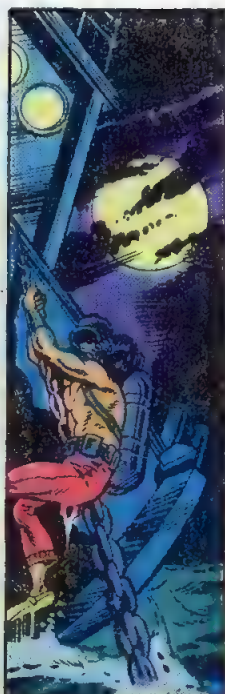
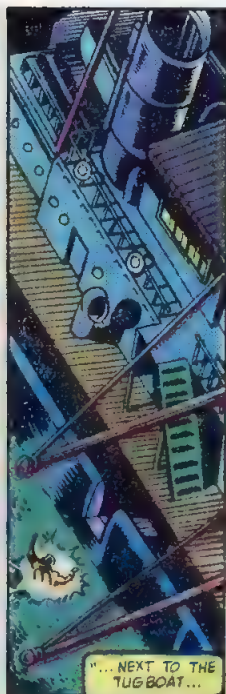
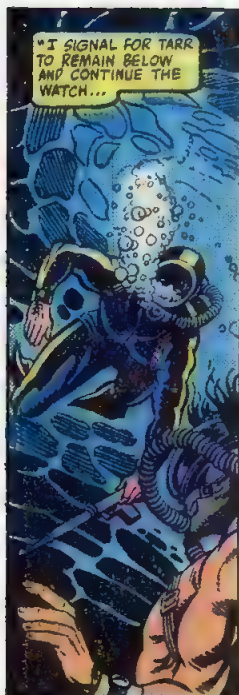


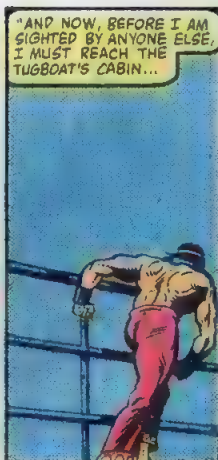
THEY HAVE FITTED THE HOSES INTO THE SHIP. BEGIN PUMPING. I WILL BE IN THE CABIN



"THE SHIP TREMBLES, LURCHES... AND HEAVES INTO AN UPRIGHT POSITION."

"CLEARLY, THEY HAVE USED THE HOSES TO PUMP AIR INTO IT."





"THE ANCIENT SHIP HAS BEEN
RAISED FROM ITS GRAVE...

"... AND EVERYTHING IN ITS
PATH--A LARGE PORTION OF
THE FLOATING ISLAND--IS
SHATTERED AND SCATTERED...

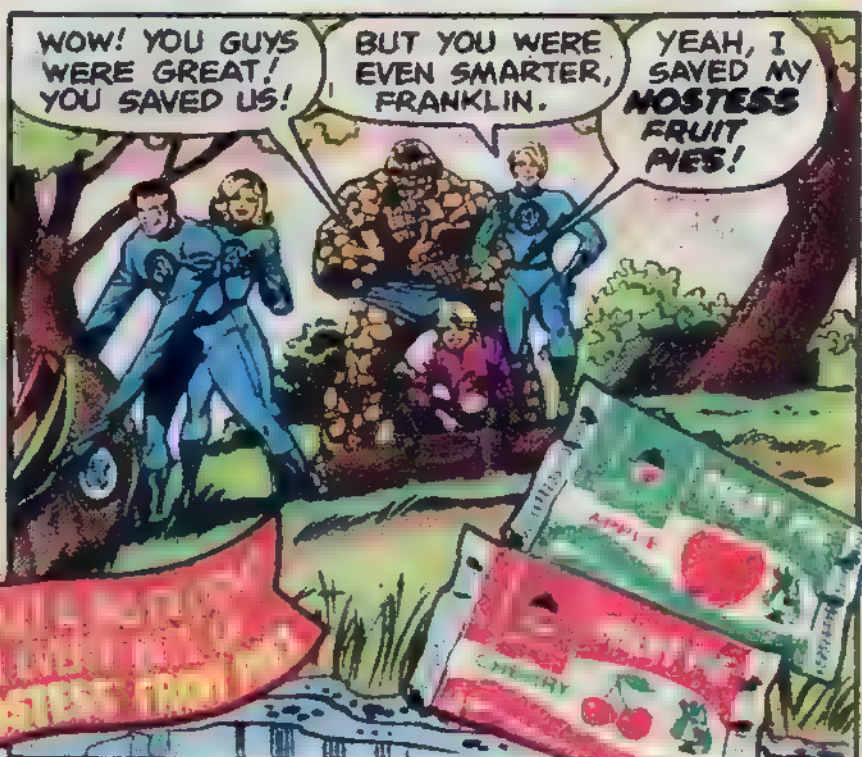
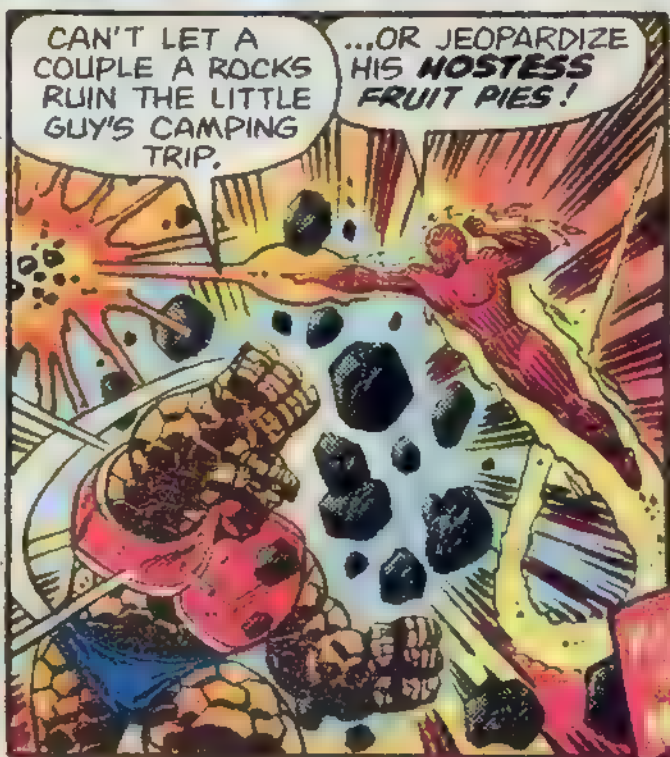
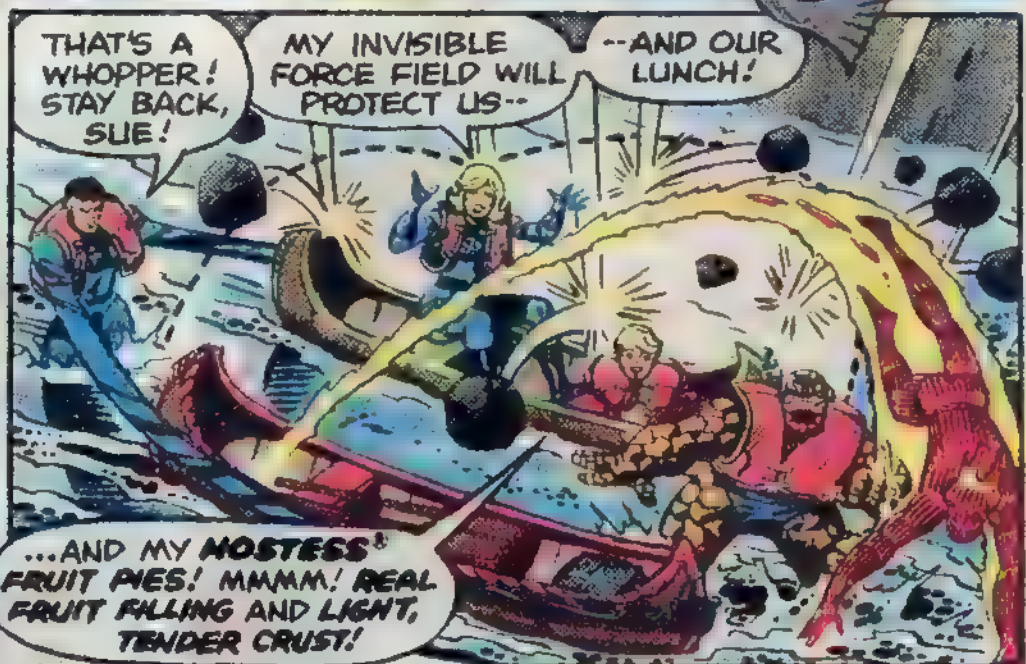
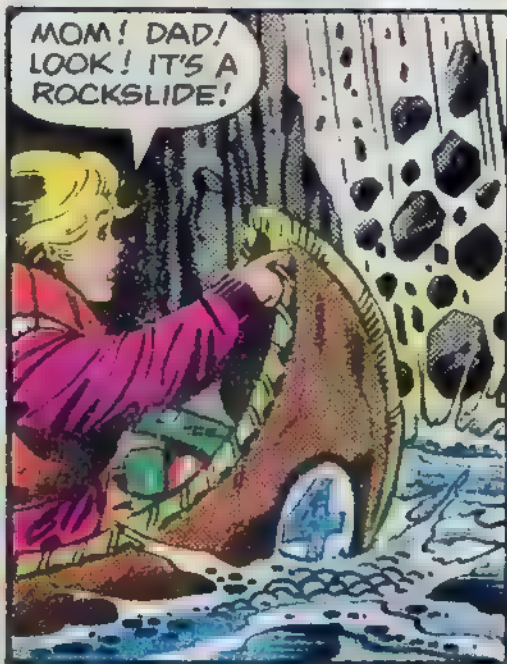
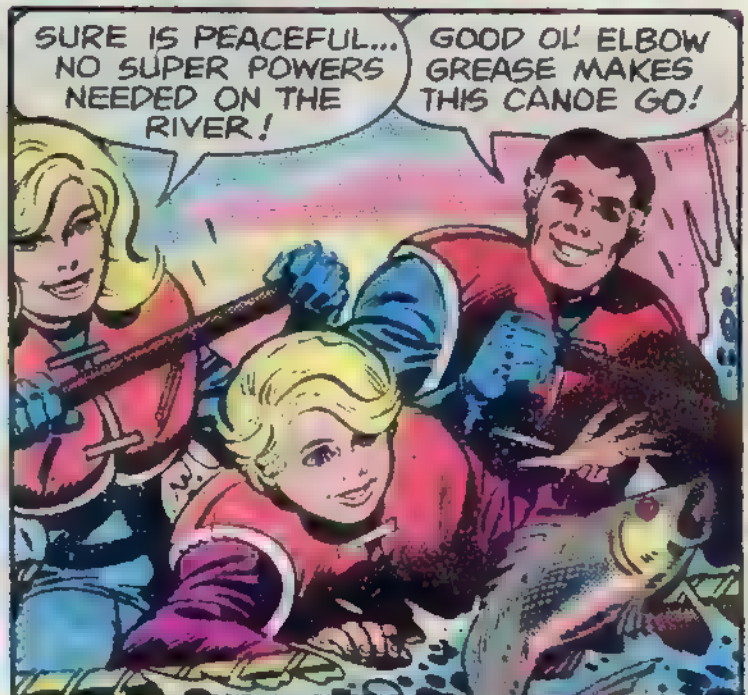
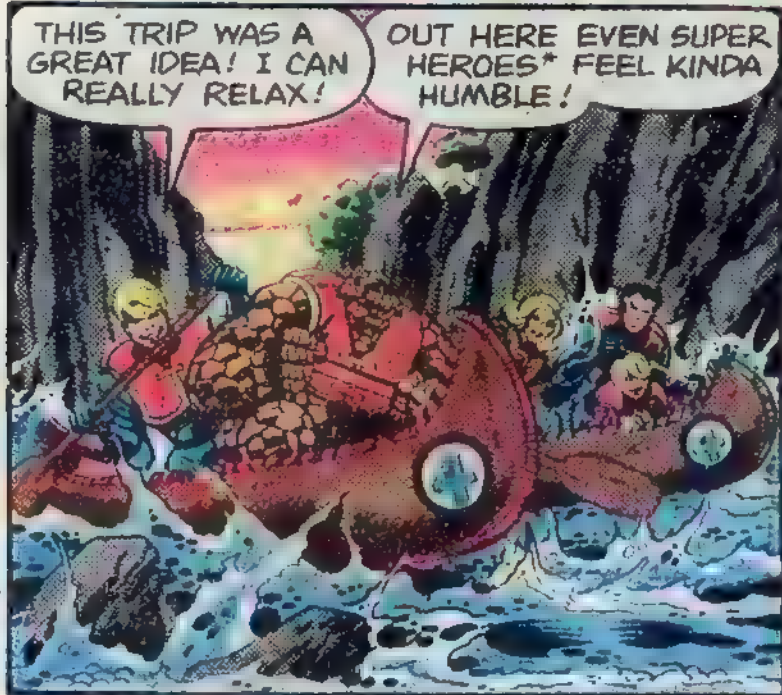
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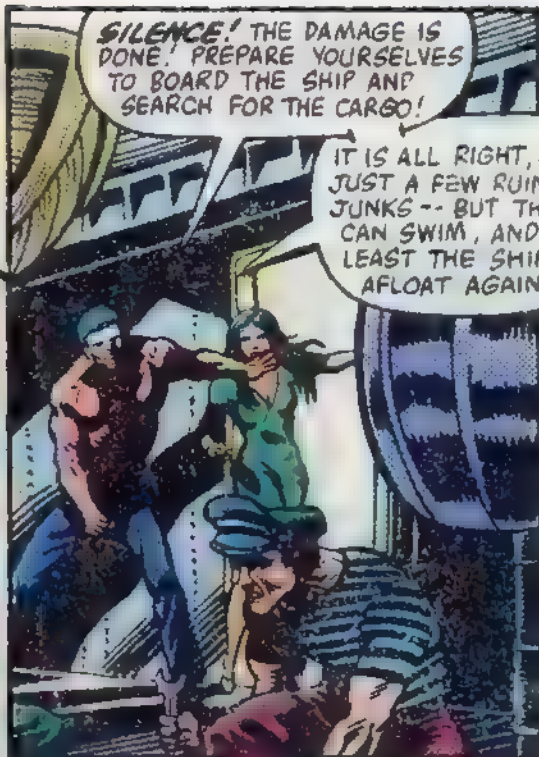
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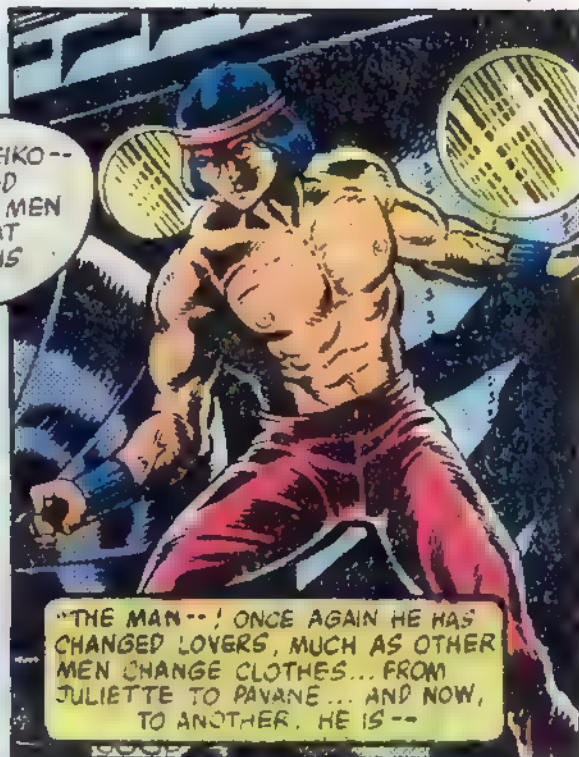
YOU FOOLS! YOU PUMPED THE AIR INTO IT TOO FAST! WE WERE NOT YET IN PROPER POSITION--!

BUT... BUT WE--



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IT IS ALL RIGHT, LEIKO-- JUST A FEW RUINED JUNKS -- BUT THE MEN CAN SWIM, AND AT LEAST THE SHIP IS AFLOAT AGAIN.



"THE MAN--! ONCE AGAIN HE HAS CHANGED LOVERS, MUCH AS OTHER MEN CHANGE CLOTHES... FROM JULIETTE TO PAVANE... AND NOW, TO ANOTHER. HE IS--



SHEN KUEI!

"--THE MAN CALLED CAT.



SO, BRITISHER... EVER SINCE OUR FIGHT WHICH ENDED WITHOUT AN ENDING... WE KNEW, DID WE NOT--



--THAT IT WOULD COME TO THIS... ?

"NO... NOT THIS..."

"... NOT WITH THE LOST ART OF SERENITY SO RECENTLY REGAINED... NOW SHATTERED BY THE LOOK IN LEIKO'S EYES..."

"... THE TASTE STILL UPON HER LIPS..."



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IN THE GREATEST MARTIAL ARTS CONTEST OF THE DECADE--

FIGHT WITHOUT REASON!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

HOW SHALL I BEGIN.....?

Well, first I should remind you that this is, once again, the World's Tallest Comic Book Editor writing at you. Things have been popping around here lately, and so without further ado, I'd like to announce the newest addition to the Mighty Marvel Bullpen.

SOMEBODY CUE THE TRUMPETS...

.....because Michael Z. Hobeon has joined the ranks as brand-new Vice President of Publishing. As such, he'll be helping Fearless Publisher Stan Lee run the publishing end of things which includes overseeing the circulation, advertising, and creative departments. Upon meeting the new guy, Smilin' Stan in his, uh, unique manner, immediately dubbed him "Mellifluous Mike". Later, however, the new Veep confided to me that he'd prefer "Mike"... or "Your Majesty". We'll be working together to develop some of the new projects we've got cooking here at the House of Ideas (more about them later), as well as on keeping our regular comics and magazines soaring along!

THE HEY-WHAT-ABOUT-US DEPT'

Last month I introduced Editors Denny O'Neil, Louise Jones, and Larry Hama to all of you out there. Nice gesture, right? But what do I get? Cold stares from the other two Editors, Jim Salicrup and Al Milgrom! All right, in the interests of fairness...

THE TRUTH ABOUT JIM SALICRUP...

Jim started working at Marvel at the ripe age of fifteen as a gofer. By the time he turned seventeen he was editing Marvel's British comics line. After a brief hiatus during which he founded his own company, he returned to the Bullpen as an Assistant Editor for the color comics. A little over a year ago, he advanced to the prestigious position of Editor. Now, at twenty-three, he's both the youngest and oldest editorial staffer — still a spring chicken, but with many years of experience! Folks regard "Jaunty" Jim as sort of a Mad Genius.

THE LOWDOWN ON AL MILGROM...

Al became renowned as an artist on the *Captain Marvel* and *Guardians of the Galaxy* series a few years back. Everyone knew he could draw, ink, and color. Most people knew he was a terrific volleyball player, softball player, racquetball player, and that it was financial suicide to face him across the poker table. Some folks knew he was an all-round nice guy, though possibly a few poker victims might disagree. Nobody knew he had any editorial skill — or that he could even spell his own name. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that he could, thanks to his brief stint editing at the Deliberate Competition. Well, when a cutback forced those guys to let Al go, I hired him on in a flash, and he's been dazzling Marveldom with his trend-setting editorial style ever since!

THE DIAMOND DILEMMA...

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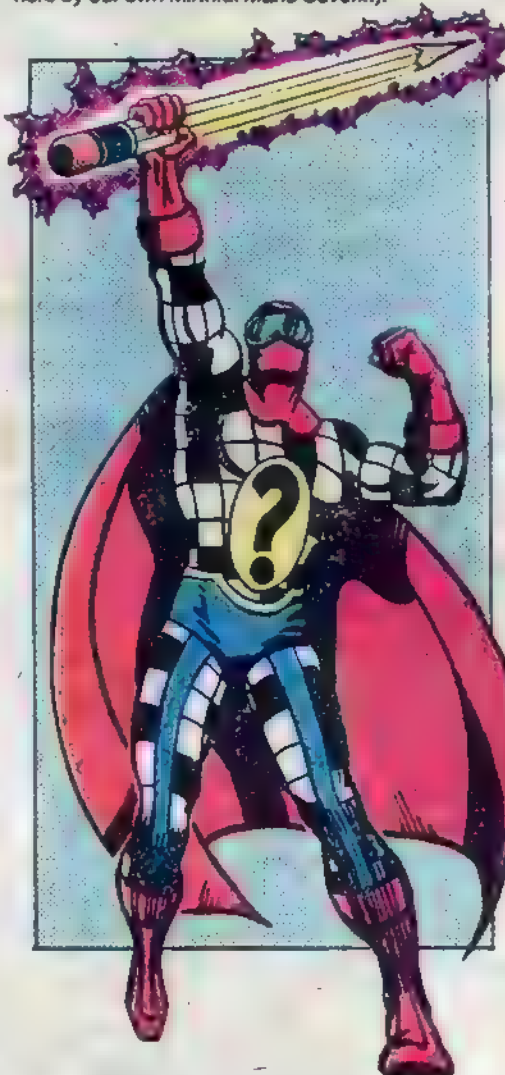
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Apparently, some collectors were worried that the one type might be less valuable as collectables than the other type, or that the little boxes covers were "reprint" or vice versa. Well, how much our comics are worth as collectors' items really is up to you guys. Only in the marketplace can the value of a collectable be determined. We can tell you that the comics with both types of covers are printed at the same time, on the same presses, that neither type is a "reprint" of the other, and that except for the cover markings, the comics are identical in every way. All clear?

AND THE WINNER IS...

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But, back to the point — before publication of FUN AND GAMES was suspended, we had announced a little contest. We asked for puzzle people all over to send in sketches of what they thought *Puzzle Man*, our new character should look like. We promised to print the best idea. Even though FUN AND GAMES is no more, ever true to our word, we hereby present *Puzzle Man* as designed by John Schlim of Peterborough, New Hampshire (rendered here by our own Mirthful Marie Severin).



Congratulations, John, and thanks.

YOU SAY THEY CALL HIM "HEF"...

I mentioned last month that folks around here often refer to Dashing Denny O'Neil as "Hef", and I promised I'd explain why that's so. Well, it's simple folks. "Hef" is short for "El Jefe del Mundo" (pronounced El Hef-ay del Moon-do, sort of) which is Spanish for "Chief of the World". Next month Denny will explain why people started calling him "El Jefe del Mundo" in the first place.

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU...

That's all the space I have this month, but be sure to tune in next month when I'll explain why rutabagas are like rock stars.

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